

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public servants – Allegation of corruption against Sri Teegala Rama Rao, S/o Kashaiah, Village Revenue Officer, Vennampally village, Kalva Srirampur Mandal, Karimangar district – Trapped by ACB Officials on 14-12-2007 – Prosecution - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE(VIG.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.1064

Dated: 29 -8-2008

ORDER

Whereas, Sri Teegala Rama Rao, worked as Village Revenue officer, Vennampally(V), Kalva Srirampur Mandal, Karminagar district during the period from 29-12-2001 to 1-12-2007 and as such he is a public servant within the meaning of clause(c) of section (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988);

And whereas, it is alleged that, Sri Thangella Dheerotham Reddy is a resident of Vennampally(V), Kalva Srirampur(M), Karimnagar district and is eking out his livelihood by doing agriculture. On 5-2-2007, Sri T. Dheerotham Reddy purchased dry agricultural land to an extent of 4 acres in Sy.No.263, situated at his village out skirts from his villagers Viz., Sri Ireddy Rajender kumar and Smt Rama Devi for a sale consideration of Rs.1,36,000/- and got the said land registered in his name at Sub Registrar's Office, Peddapally. On 20-6-2007 when the Mandal Revenue Officer, Kalva Srirampur came to his village to attend the "Raithu Runa Mela"(Farmers loan exhibition), Sri T. Dheerotham Reddy submitted an application to him with a request to incorporate his name in Revenue records as well as in his pattadar Pass book and Title deed book. Accordingly, the Mandal Revenue Officer endorsed the same to his Village Revenue officer Sri T.Rama Rao on the same day ie. On 20-6-2007. Sri T. Dheerotham Reddy handed over his pattadar pass book and title deed to Sri T.Rama Rao for conducting enquiry. Afterwards, Sri T. Dheerotham Reddy met Sri T.Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer one to two times and requested for return of his Pattadar Pass Book and Title deed. On which the Village Revenue Officer informed that the same were sent to the Mandal Revenue Officer for his attestation and that they were pending with Mandal Revenue officer.

On 22-11-2007 Sri T.Dheerotham Reddy again approached Sri T.Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer and enquired about his Pattadar Pass Book and Title deed, for which the Village Revenue Officer informed him that the Pattadar Pass Book and Title deed were obtained from the MRO after getting his attestation and available with him and demanded to pay an amount of Rs.10,000/- to deliver the same. Sri T.Dheerotham Reddy expressed his inability to pay such huge amount, but the Village Revenue Officer did not heed to his plea and has not delivered the books.

Finally on 5-12-2007 at about 9 A.M. Sri T.Dheerotham Reddy met Sri T.Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer at his office and requested to hand over his passbooks. On which the Sri T.Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer re-iterated his earlier demand of bribe of Rs.10,000/- . Sri T.Dheerotham Reddy again expressed his inability to pay such huge amount and on his persistent requests, Sri T.Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer reduced the bribe amount of Rs.7000/-. Sri T.Dheerotham Reddy reluctantly agreed to pay the demanded bribe amount to Village Revenue Officer.

And whereas, Sri Thangella Dheerotham Reddy was not willing to pay the bribe amount to Sri T.Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer, he approached the inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar on 12-12-2007 at 11.00 A.M and lodged a telugu written complaint with a request to take necessary action against him. The inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau after due verification registered a case in Cr.No.23/ACB-KNR/2007, under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 14-12-2007 at 11.45 A.M and investigated into.

And whereas, Sri T.Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Vennampally(V), Kalva Srirampur mandal, Karimnagar district demanded and accepted an amount of Rs.7000/- as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration from the said Sri T.Dheerotham Reddy in his house at Vennampally(V) on 14-12-2007 at about 4-50 P.M. and he was trapped by the Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar range, Karimnagar. The tainted amount of Rs.7000/- was recovered at his instance found in the table drawer, kept on the Eenadu news paper. The both hand fingers of Sri T.Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer yielded positive results, when subjected to Sodium Carbonate Solution test. When the contact portion of Eenadu newspaper, on which tainted amount was kept in the table drawer, was subjected to Sodium Carbonate Solution test, it yielded positive result. The inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar seized the tainted amount of Rs.7000/- and also seized the newspaper with the attestation of mediators. The connected Record/Documts have been seized at the instance of Sri T.Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer and Sri T.Dheerotham Reddy with the attestation of mediators.

And whereas the above said acts of Sri T.Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Vennampally(V), Kalva Srirampur(M), Karimnagar district constitutes and offence punishable under section 7 and sub section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988)

And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove the said Sri Teegala Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer Vennampally(V), Kalva Srirampur(M), Karimnagar district from his office after carefully examining the material placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the circumstances of the case considered that the said Sri T.Rama Rao should be prosecuted in a competent court of law for the aforesaid offences.

Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Teegala Rama Rao, Village Revenue Officer Vennampally(V), Kalva Srirampur(M), Karimnagar district for the aforesaid offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section(2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section(1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

G.SUDHIR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General
Anti Corruption Bureau
Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.